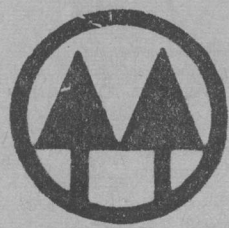


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Five Cents

1948 Town Budget To Be Discussed

Town Manager James Gobbel recommended a budget for the operation of Greenbelt's town government in 1948 which adds up to \$174,045, in last Monday night's meeting of the town council.

The proposed budget, almost \$26,000 higher than the cost of running the city in 1947, will require a tax rate of \$3.034 per \$100 of assessed valuation, according to Gobbel's estimates. Council members commented that this figure probably will give Greenbelt a much higher tax rate than any city of comparable size in Maryland.

Value Received

This cost, however, probably represents less actual outlay of money per year per citizen of Greenbelt, in total expenditures for value received, than in any other town in the state. This seeming paradox results from the fact, as was pointed out in the session, that many services are provided by the town which residents of other parts of the state must do without, or pay for at higher rates through non-government channels. Greenbelt, for example, is the only town in the county which has a public kindergarten, a public health service, a sewage disposal plant, public garbage collection, a town library, and a public recreation program.

Public Hearing on Budget

Public hearings on the proposed budget will be held in the Council room at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, December 10. Residents of the town have been asked by the council to attend the hearings to express their views on the adequacy of the program provided for by the estimates, and to suggest additions to or deletions from the proposed items. Details of the budget, including a breakdown of the recommendations by departments and programs, are given elsewhere in this issue of the Cooperator in a summary statement of the budget published by the council. Included in the published statement are comparable figures for 1945, 1946, and 1947.

Considerable Reductions

The budget statement as presented to the council by the manager represents a considerable reduction below the amounts requested by the heads of the town departments. These reductions were made, according to Gobbel, to prevent too drastic an increase in the amount of money to be requested from the Federal Government for payments in lieu of taxes on the real estate of the city, all of which is owned by the Federal Government. Gobbel indicated that to request a material increase now would open up the question of increased costs in all items of land-lord operation, such as fuel oil for heating the homes and labor costs in landlord maintenance. This might well lead to material rent increases.

As the proposed budget works out, the town will have to request a payment in lieu of taxes of \$158,595 to meet 1948 operating costs. This is an increase of \$31,790 over the amount paid into the town treasury by the Federal Government last year.

Estimates of other items of income for the town in 1948 are recreation, \$10,000; police fines, \$250; roads, \$1,000; state income tax, \$1,200; state auto licenses, \$2,500; and surplus from 1947, \$500.

No Loss of Services

Under the proposed budget, Gobbel reported, no present town services will be curtailed. However, because of the need for preventing too great an increase, the road repair program will not be as extensive as it should be. No provision is made, either, for resurfacing the tennis courts, for installing rowboats and a dock at the lake, or for a suggested public-address system for athletic and other public events. Funds will be available, however, for resurfacing the floor of the swimming pool and for paving the area around the children's wading pool.

Two additional kindergarten
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GMHOC Reports 50% Of Residents Charter Members

With the close of the GMHOC membership drive last Tuesday, December 2, at midnight, an incomplete tally indicated that about 50% of Greenbelt's residents have signed up as charter members. It also shows that the membership is pretty evenly distributed between old Greenbelt and the defense homes, and that it includes over 40 percent of World War II veterans.

Drive To Continue

"This total exceeds all previous estimates, and would seem to prove that Greenbelt as a whole has rallied behind the mutual home ownership project," said Michael Salzman, president of GMHOC. He further stated that the drive for regular memberships will continue as long as the opportunity exists, although the charter membership drive is closed. In view of the excellent showing, the Public Housing Administration may be approached shortly by the Corporation.

General Counsel Picked

Mr. Salzman announced that Abraham Chasanow has resigned from the board of directors in order that a veteran might be appointed in his place, thereby having a majority of veterans on the board. In view of his legal experience the board appointed Mr. Chasanow as general counsel, and he agreed to serve in that capacity without compensation. Charles O'Leary of 2-B Northway, a disabled veteran, was appointed to fill Mr. Chasanow's place on the board.

Christmas Bazaar To Be Held Sat.

The Christmas bazaar sponsored by the afternoon and evening guilds of the Community Church, will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Center School auditorium.

Program for the day will include an organ recital by Mrs. Daniel Neff at 1 p.m.; a tea fortune booth from 3 to 5 conducted by Mrs. Paul Hawk; and a card fortune booth, conducted by Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr., from 3 to 5. Other booths will include: apron booth, baby and small children booth, candy booth, Christmas booth, fish pond, food booth, plant booth, shell jewelry booth, toy booth, white elephant booth, and ways and means display booth.

Variety Store Announces Epidemic Of 'Shoplifting' By Local Children

Pilferage in the GCS Variety Store has increased to the stage where it is no longer petty, but a community problem, Waldo Mott, manager, revealed at last Friday's GCS board of directors' meeting.

The directors, treating this epidemic of junior criminality as a problem for the community to tackle, authorized the president to appoint a committee of Greenbelt citizens to study and make recommendations to the management.

Happens Every Day

Town Needs Info On Kindergarten

Is there a patter of little feet around your house? Do you spend half your time putting your family heirlooms out of reach, and the other half carrying broken vases, cracked dishes and ripped-up magazines to the garbage can? Would you like to get the little brat out of the house for just a few hours each day and so retain your sanity?

If all this applies to you, and if your child (thank goodness) will be of kindergarten age this coming Fall, hurry up with that kindergarten questionnaire the town sent out last week. Only 70 have been returned so far. Your town government is trying to estimate enrollment and cost for next September, and needs the information, whether you have kindergarten material or not. Get it in Monday and both you and the town government will feel better. Also the neighbors.

'Promenade Home' With A 'Do Si Do'

The Elementary School Parent Teachers Association will hold a square dance at the North End School auditorium on Friday night, December 12. Merton Trast, Mrs. Paul Linson, and "Red" Faulconer will be the callers. Dorothy Broadbent and Robert Mitchell will be the pianists and John Walker will play the mandolin. Mrs. Lynn Woodman, president of the PTA, is general chairman of the dance. Howard Hunt is in charge of the tickets, Norman Granims is in charge of posters announcing the dance, and Mrs. David Granahan, hospitality chairman of the PTA is in charge of refreshments. The callers will help give directions to those who are novices at square dancing.

PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE TOWN OF GREENBELT FOR 1948

Department	Approved Budgets			Recommended
	1945	1946	1947	
General Government	\$19,851	\$19,195	\$24,021	\$28,583
Public Safety	22,376	23,114	25,040	28,489
Public Works:				
General Supervision	6,600	7,520	3,135	3,300
Streets & Parking Areas	17,802	13,642	14,768	18,559
Parks & Playgrounds	5,114	4,740	5,291	6,940
Streets & Park Lighting	3,393	2,980	2,816	3,162
Repair Shop	4,667	5,021	4,802	6,040
Cemetery	150	00	00	00
Total Public Works	31,807	37,726	33,903	38,001
Sanitation:				
Sewage Disposal	3,172	5,692	6,567	5,850
Waste Collection & Disposal	14,207	14,450	17,476	17,838
Total: Sanitation	17,379	20,142	24,043	23,688
Total: Public Works and Sanitation	55,105	54,045	54,855	61,689
Public Health	4,718	4,734	4,186	6,121
Education:				
Library	7,464	7,840	8,370	8,925
Adult & Kindergarten	12,873	9,565	10,408	14,965
Social Services	00	3,600	125	25
Total: Education	20,337	21,005	18,903	23,915
Recreation:				
Regular Program	7,876	8,795	9,431	10,144
Summer Program	11,055	2,854	3,018	3,349
Swimming Pool	00	7,576	7,701	8,755
Youth Center	00	00	1,000	1,000
Total Recreation Dept.	18,931	19,225	21,150	23,248
Special Non-Recurring Items	000	16,928	000	000
Contingency	000	000	\$000	2,000
Total: All Departments	\$141,302	\$158,246	\$148,155	\$174,045

Proposed tax rate for 1948—\$3.034 per \$100 valuation.
Public hearing will be held in the Council room at 8 p. m.,
December 10, 1947, on the proposed 1948 budget.

First Hearing Airs Charges vs. Chief

The long-anticipated hearings on charges of mismanagement against Public Safety Director George Panagoulis and Town Manager James Gobbel began last Saturday.

Conducted before an audience of approximately 200 townspeople in the Center School auditorium, the first hearing took the full day, and it appeared that further hearings may require two or three additional sessions. The inquiry is being conducted by a committee composed of four citizens and the five councilmen, which will report its findings to the council for final action.

Panagoulis Up First

Saturday's session was entirely taken up by a part of the charges against Panagoulis presented by former police officers Robert Dodge and John Belton. The two former policemen set out to show that Panagoulis was guilty of improper actions as a town official, that he "ducked out" in any police department emergency and turned all such emergencies over to subordinate police officers, and that he permitted vital fire equipment to be tampered with by his small son. Underlying these charges were the further implications that Panagoulis gave poor supervision to his staff, that employees were afraid to go to him with complaints, and that he was reluctant to undertake dangerous assignments.

In an earlier hearing conducted by the committee, which had been closed to the public because it involved personal problems of a number of townspeople, the complainants had accused Panagoulis of failing to act in a serious emergency, of failing to help another officer in an emergency, and of failing to have a minor committed for treatment. They also accused Town Manager Gobbel of failing to have a criminal offender removed from Greenbelt.

To support these charges, Dodge and Belton presented five specific examples in Saturday's meeting, and withdrew two others previously submitted. They marshalled a number of volunteer firemen, former and present police officers, and other local citizens to testify.

1944 Halloween Death

The first charge was that Panagoulis ordered the horn of the town fire alarm disconnected on Halloween, 1944, to prevent the fire department from being called on a large number of false alarms, and that as a result of the delay in the response of the fire department to a real fire, a child was burned to death.

The defense to this charge was that the alarm system itself was kept in operation and ordinarily would have been heard by the night telephone operator. Testimony also was presented to show that the alarm was phoned in, that little time was lost in responding to the fire, that all officers on duty were fully informed of the system to be used on that night, that the horn was disconnected on nearly every Halloween prior to and since 1944, and that the child probably had died of suffocation before the fire alarm box had been pulled. Complainants' witnesses testified that the horn ordinarily was not turned off on Halloween, that officers on duty were not informed of the plan for the evening, and that an unusual amount of time was lost in responding to the fire.

Son Plays Fireman

The second charge alleged that Panagoulis' four-year-old son endangered the efficiency of the fire department by playing on the fire equipment, by leaving ignition keys and lights turned on and running down the truck batteries, and by disconnecting nozzles. The official admitted that his son had played on the equipment, but only under supervision, and that no such harm was done.

Sergeant Albert Attick of the police department supported Panagoulis in this charge, pointing out that some years ago a less exacting check was made of the equipment.

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Sasscer To Speak Here Of Europe

At the National Guard rally on Monday, December 8, at 8:30 p.m. at the Center School auditorium, Congressman Lansdale Sasscer will give a resume of his recent trip to Europe and his interpretation of conditions that exist in Europe. Mr. Sasscer's tour covered 14 European countries. Senator Tydings and other state officials have also been invited, according to the report from Dr. James W. McCarl, committee chairman.

General Milton Reckord, Adjutant General of the State of Maryland and head of the National Guard, will be present with his staff to inaugurate the local unit of field artillery into the National Guard.

Weapons Display

The Greenbelt Community Chorus will make its first appearance under the direction of Harlan G. Randall, director of the music department of the University of Maryland. The Greenbelt Band will furnish a program of martial music. An extensive display of modern equipment, as well as captured enemy equipment, will be exhibited at 7:30 p.m.

All men interested in joining the local unit of the National Guard may contact Charles Cormack in the PHA office, over the variety store. Mr. Cormack stressed that all Greenbelt men are invited to the rally.

Post Office Shifts Hours For Xmas

James N. Wolfe, acting postmaster, has announced that the Greenbelt post office will go on a new schedule starting Saturday, December 13, in order to handle the expected Christmas rush. The office will be open on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. This schedule will remain in effect until December 23.

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The Seamier Side

One of the most frequent—and loudest—criticisms the COOPERATOR gets is so-called "suppression" of the seamier side of Greenbelt life. We would need powerful rose-colored glasses to be unaware that life here is not all sweetness and light.

Our critics, however, are rarely willing to substantiate their vague, second- or third-hand rumors with facts; they are even more reluctant to be quoted when they do give facts; and the COOPERATOR does not have the facilities for operating a detective bureau, to substantiate the multitude of rumors that reach us.

For some time we have been disturbed at reports of petty thievery on the part of Greenbelt youngsters. Waldo Mott, manager of the variety store, allowed himself to be quoted this week on the increased pilfering by children in that store. A committee will be set up to study this specific problem and offer recommendations for its solution.

Shouldn't such a committee function at all times? One of the principal deterrents to placing police charges against culprits is the fear of being known as an informer. If an unofficial committee of church, school and other town leaders were established as a permanent complaint board, no official charges would need to be placed and no names publicized. The committee chairman could be quoted on cases, the principals of which would remain anonymous, giving the COOPERATOR the long-awaited opportunity of keeping Greenbelt fully, fairly and accurately informed, even about the seamier side, without injuring anyone. A few kids might be saved from future delinquency of a more serious nature, too, if some measure short of police action were provided.

To The Editor:

Granted—veterans have preference, men may compete for their stations in life, but specific cases warrant individual consideration.

I refer to our local case where one young man is replacing the postal delivery man, leaving him an elderly man with no means of support and no consolation for the splendid job he has done for many years. To many times the authorities are impersonal about these cases and render hardship where it could be avoided.

Although many of you, just as I, campaigned to have our postal delivery man retained in his job, we have failed, and my plea to the people of Greenbelt is to use any influence they may have to reinstate him in his former work and thereby equalize the hardship caused by the rigid impersonal regulations.

I can't imagine any younger man taking an older man's job from him when there so many other jobs the young man can and could get, but this is not so for the older man.

Mrs. D. M. Plank.

Community Chest May Make Quota

Collections for the Community Chest in Greenbelt now total just over a thousand dollars, according to Mrs. Harry Fleisher, chairman of the drive. There are some funds still outstanding, and Mrs. Fleisher stated that if people who have not given will do so now, the community may be able to make its quota. Workers and block captains are asked to complete their reports and turn them into the chairman, in order that the total collection may be known.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet at 10-B Hillside Thursday at 8 p.m.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By DOROTHY McGEE

Phone 5677

As Christmas approaches, we shall be hearing more and more about the Christmas spirit, the very essence of which is giving to others. That spirit of wholehearted helpfulness can find one very heartwarming outlet in the newest volunteer corps organized by the Red Cross, the Arts and Skills Corps. Mrs. Charles Klinenberg, 13-K Hillside Road, tells us about the three-week course she has just completed in Washington, attending for three hours every day. After completing the course each volunteer goes to Walter Reed Hospital to help disabled veterans learn new skills. The veterans' deep pleasure and glowing interest are real rewards for the volunteers, who give of themselves, who in truth carry Christmas within them all through the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeMay of 12-K Ridge Road are being congratulated on the birth of twins at Columbia Hospital on Thanksgiving Day, November 27. Berenice Nancy weighed in at 5 lb. 1 oz. and her twin brother, Vernon Joseph, at 5 lb. 7 oz. The LeMays have three other children.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Lyons of New York were holiday visitors at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Lyons of 38-H Ridge Road. The latter, with their 5-year-old son, Bruce, are newcomers here since October.

Mrs. Bob Davenport, 46-B Crescent Road, with her small daughter Debbie, spent two weeks recently with her mother, Mrs. William Hamby, in Greenwood, South Carolina, returning in time for Thanksgiving dinner at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burchick, 9-H Research Road, and their two sons, Michael and Duane, spent the long holiday in Pittsburgh with Mr. Burchick's parents.

Very glad to be at home for Thanksgiving were Mrs. Don Kling, 1-A Ridge Road, who returned from a two-week stay in Doctors Hospital, and also Joseph Long of 3-B Gardenway who was a patient in Georgetown Hospital for a week. Mr. Long will be at home for a while, expecting to return to work in January.

"Cookie" Kern prolonged her Thanksgiving visit in York, Pa. and will be home on Sunday, bringing her grandparents back with her for a return visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomason of 4-R Laurel Hill Road are leaving on Wednesday for Los Angeles to spend Christmas with their families there. They will be in southern California for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of 9-N Research Road and their two sons spent the holiday weekend with relatives in New York.

Mrs. Cal Winegarden and her daughter Kathie spent the weekend in New York and New Jersey. They visited Mrs. Winegarden's aunt, a Sister of Charity in St. Elizabeth's College near Morristown, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, 2-C Southway, enjoyed a brief visit with former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. Win Johnson, now of Wilmington, Delaware, who stopped by on their way to visit Mrs. Johnson's mother in Cottage City.

Mrs. Francis Friedrichs of 2-C Crescent Road, who has been ill for about two weeks, returned on Monday from Leland Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for several days.

Mrs. Thomas Callanan and her sister Mrs. Daniel Cleary of Washington, D. C. will fly to Louisville, Kentucky, on December 4 to attend the profession of final vows of their cousin, Brother Kevin Callanan, at Trappist Monastery in Gethsemane, Ky.

Mrs. Hattie Marks of 8-F Parkway spent Thanksgiving with a niece in New Jersey.

Friends of Mrs. Sally Lampkin Young of 10-C Parkway are glad to see her up and about again, after a year's illness.

Recently moved here from Washington, D. C., are Mr. and Mrs. Girshin Simon of 12-J Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. O'Connor of Roanoke, Va. and their sons, Pat and Mike were the Thanksgiving guests of Cyrilla O'Connor and her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green of 2-D Laurel Hill Road had as their house guest last weekend Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. Lawrence Cake of Metuchen, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mazlen spent the weekend in New York where they attended a wedding.

Community Church Protestant

Saturday, December 6—
10 a. m. to 5 p. m.—Christmas Bazaar, sponsored by the Ladies' Guilds, at the center school auditorium.

Sunday, December 7—
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School, Thomas Berry, superintendent.

10 a. m.—Men's Bible Class, Rolfe Sauls, president.

10:50 a. m.—Church Nursery, sponsored by the afternoon and evening Ladies' Guilds.

11 a. m.—Church Worship. Second Sunday of Advent. Choral music directed by Tom Ritchie with Mrs. Daniel Neff at the organ. Sermon by the pastor: "One World—One Book." Reception of new members.

7:30 p. m.—Youth Center program.

Monday, December 8—
8 p. m.—Conference of Sunday school workers on the "Pilgrim Series" at Mount Pleasant Congregational Church.

Tuesday, December 9—
8 p. m.—Public lecture and discussion on "Foundations for a Successful Marriage." First Baptist Church, Washington. Speaker: Dr. David Mace of England.

Wednesday, December 10—
3:15 p. m.—Junior choir rehearsal, home economics room.

8 p. m.—Senior choir rehearsal.

Our Community Thanksgiving Program at which Rabbi Sandhaus preached due to the illness of Rev. Cooke, gave an offering of \$60 for equal distribution between the Community Chest and Church World Service.

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church

Woodlandway and Forestway

Sunday, December 7—

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11 a.m.—Morning Worship

6:30 p.m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship

8 p. m.—Evening Worship

Wednesday, December 10—

3:30 p.m.—Booster Band. All children of grade school age are invited.

8:30 p.m.—Friendship Class meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dutter, —47-C Ridge Road.

Pastor, Rev. Raymond T. Cooke

6-X Plateau Place

Phone 7466

A. C. Xmas Dance Will Aid Scouts

The Greenbelt Athletic Club will hold its annual Christmas dance on Saturday, December 13, in the Center School auditorium. Proceeds from the dance and concessions will be used for equipment for Boy Scout Troop 229, sponsored by the Greenbelt Athletic Club. A special prize will be awarded the Scout selling the most tickets.

Citizens Group To Meet Thursday

The home economics room of the Center School has been secured by the Greenbelt Citizens Association for its regular monthly meetings, according to Mrs. Margaret Carmody, president. The first meeting will be held December 11. The group will meet on the second Thursday of each month.

St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Daily Mass: 7 a.m. in St. Hugh's Chapel, 58-A Crescent Road.

Confessions: Saturday from 4-5 p.m. for the children and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., for adults.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 and 9:30 a. m. in the theater.

7:30 a.m. Mass: Corporate Communion Sunday for all members of Our Blessed Mother's Sodality, and for all women of the Parish. The Mass will be offered for their special intentions.

Solemn reception of all Soladity members, both old and new, will be held after the Masses on Sunday, December 7.

8:45 to 9:15 a.m.: Catechism Classes in the theater for all Catholic children of all grades, who are attending public schools. Instruction begin promptly at 8:45. 1 p.m.: Baptisms.

December 8, Monday: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A holy day of obligation for all Catholics. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and at 8 a.m., in the theater.

December 10, Wednesday: Business and social meetings of the Blessed Mother Sodality at 8:15 p. m., in the Social room of the Center School.

The Thanksgiving food drive which was held the past week for Catholic parishes throughout the United States was a success in Greenbelt. Over 200 dollars in cash and 11 cartons, or 226 cans, of canned goods, totaling 319 pounds was collected from our parish. Mrs. Frank J. McConnel was chairman of the drive in Greenbelt.

Lutheran Church

Pastor, Rev. Edwin E. Pieplow

Phone WARfield 0942 or

HYattsville 0383

Services Sunday in the home economics room of the Center School at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference at the Mount Rainier Church at 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conferences in Greenbelt in room 223 of the Center School at 8 p.m.

Thursday: Choir rehearsals at 6-Z-3 Plateau Place at 8 p.m.

Friday: Deeper Spiritual Life Conference at the chapel in Landover Hills at 8 p.m.

Junior confirmation class cancelled for this week.

The National Lutheran Chorus will present a Christmas concert in Constitution Hall on December 16 at 8:30 p. m. Seat reservations can be placed with Miss Dora Toepper or Walter Freundt.

The dedication of the school will take place on December 14 at 3

Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sunday—

Sunday School Prayer Meeting, 10:15 a. m., Social Room.

Sunday Schol, 10:30 a. m., Social Room.

Priesthood Meeting, 11:45 a. m., Social Room.

Sacrament Service, 6:30 p. m., Social Room.

Monday—

Children's Primary, 4 p. m., Room 120, Elementary School.

Thursday—

Women's Relief Society, Room 201, Elementary School.

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To the Editor:

In the Cooperator last Friday there appeared a column headed, "Employee Ousted By Post Office." This would indicate to many of your readers that this employee was being released for reasons of a local nature. This, of course, in no sense is true inasmuch as the service he has given to the department and the patrons of this office has always met with the very highest praise. There is not a demerit to mar his record.

However, Mr. Aitcheson (the employee referred to in this column) has not qualified for the Civil Service register that was established in this office, and in line with the commission's policy to fill all positions from the register there was left no alternative other than to abide by these rules.

All of us in the local Post Office feel very keenly a sense of regret that he cannot continue in his present work, and I am sure your readers will appreciate knowing the facts in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
James N. Wolfe,
Act'g. Postmaster

Appreciation

To the Editor:

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all friends and neighbors for their floral tributes, cards of condolence and kind expressions of sympathy during the passing of our beloved son Tommy.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Althaus

JCC Services

Sabbath services will be conducted by Rabbi Sandhaus, Friday, December 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the Center School. All persons are invited to attend.

Hearing

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ment and that batteries ran down from lack of attention and lack of use. He said that better supervision of the equipment is now maintained. The complainants brought out, however, that the problem had been brought to Panagoulis' attention as one of a series of grievances by the volunteer firemen, and that it had been partly corrected after that time.

Personal use of one of the town's police cars by Panagoulis also was charged. Various officers testified to finding toys, furniture and rugs from the Panagoulis household on many occasions in the police car assigned to the chief. The point also was made that the realistic toy guns left in the car by Panagoulis' son could have been used by prisoners being transported in the car, to intimidate the driver and so effect an escape. Defense testimony on this point was that the car had been used to carry personal items to the center of town for cleaning or repair on the chief's way to or from work, and that this had not been done since the passage of a town ordinance November 11, 1946, prohibiting personal use of city vehicles.

Emergency Cases

In supporting their contention that Panagoulis avoided handling emergency cases, Belton and Dodge cited an accident on the Cipriano farm near Greenbelt, in which a child was badly cut, and the investigation of a death in a Greenbelt apartment. In the former case Panagoulis called Dodge from his lunch to take care of the emergency rather than going himself, and in the latter Panagoulis asked Dodge and Belton, who were off duty at the time, to make the in-

vestigation.

The police chief's defense was that he had an additional call, regarding a drunken woman, which he had to reply to, and so sent Dodge to the Cipriano farm accident. In the death case he said he was busy in the office, and as the two off-duty officers were immediately available he sent them to save time.

Town Solicitor White, who conducted the interrogation for the committee, brought out the fact that the chief of the police department had full authority to use his subordinate staff in any way he needed them.

Charges Delayed

One of the questions raised by White was the reason for the delay in presenting the charges, many of which involved events two or three years ago. The officers responded that they had some doubt as to their ability to hold their jobs if they pressed the complaints too vigorously. On the question of why the previous city council had not acted on these problems, ex-mayor George Bauer replied that he had been unable to obtain sufficient facts.

The second hearing, which was to have been held last Tuesday night, was postponed because of the illness of some of the participants. It will be held later, at a date still to be set.

Abraham Chasanow acted as attorney for Panagoulis and Gobbel at the hearing.

Two non-fiction books were tied for first place among the 10 most popular books read by veteran patients in Veterans Administration hospital during the first three months of 1947.

Reserve Officers To Meet At Armory

Reserve training centrally located in Prince George's County is the goal of the December meeting of the Prince George's Chapter, Reserve Officers Association at the Hyattsville Armory, Baltimore Avenue and Jefferson Street at 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 10. A staff member representing Col. F. W. Boye, senior instructor, ORC of MDW, will be present to discuss setting up a local inactive-duty training program.

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HS PTA Plans Fete

The High School PTA will hold a Christmas party in the school auditorium on Wednesday, December 10. A musical program consisting of the entire Glee Club will be the evening's entertainment. All parents are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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Budget

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teachers will be hired to meet the increased Fall enrollment if the budget is approved. The first of these will be added January 1 because of the heavy teacher load during the present school year.

In concluding its preliminary discussion of the budget, the council voted to post a copy of the detailed budget plan in the postoffice prior to next Wednesday's hearing, in addition to the publication of the summary in today's Cooperator.

Opposes CTC Increases

In other business conducted by the council at its regular meeting, two resolutions were passed opposing proposed actions of the Capital Transit Company. In the first, the council went on record as vigorously objecting to the proposed increase in bus and street car fares in suburban Maryland. It also voted to oppose the elimination of the Branchville-Beltsville street car service, requested by the Transit company. Discontinuance of such service would be a serious inconvenience to Greenbelt residents who work in Beltsville, according to council members.

Councilman Frank Lastner and any other council members who can go were authorized to attend State Public Utility Commission hearings of these two proposals in Baltimore to present the point of view of the council in person. The

Nursery School Plans Party

Fathers and mothers of the Cooperative Nursery School Children will hold a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 10, at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dorothy East on Greenbelt Road.

The party, which will replace the school's regular monthly meeting was planned by the nursery school board and the program committee on December 1.

The East home is one half mile past the Greenbelt High School, on the right hand side leaving Greenbelt.

December school dues are to be paid at the meeting and returns are asked for the calendars now being sold by school mothers.

hearings will be held December 3 and 9.

At the suggestion of Councilwoman Harrington, the council voted to ask the State Roads Commission to modify the traffic light at Edmonston Road and Defense Highway by adding a left turn signal for Edmonston Road on the Defense Highway approach.

On Councilman Morrison's motion the council voted to have the town provide the usual Christmas tree in the town center, and to arrange for a tree-lighting ceremony.

Councilman Lastner presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Canning, who was ill.

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On Saturday, December 6, a
dance will be held at the Center
School auditorium from 9 to 12.
The feature attractions are Jerry
Carter of WTOP and Nick and
Cora, ballroom dancers. The music
will be furnished by Walter Dick-
stein and his WTOP orchestra.
Admission is 75c.

On Tuesday and Wednesday,
December 9 and 10, the committee
with the cooperation of the Green-
belt theater, is sponsoring a movie,
"The Jolson Story".

The committee consists of: Sid-
ney Spindel, Elliott Bukzin, Jerry
Pines, Dorothy Terkeltaub, Eli Ra-
dinsky, Jack Fruchtman, David
Fisher and Florence Bloom.

The next regular meeting of the
Jewish Community Center will be
held December 8, at 8:15 p.m. in
the social room of the Center
School. The agenda will include
a report on the dance of December
6, and reports on the other activi-
ties now in progress.

Discussion will be held on ways
and means of raising additional
funds for the organization. The
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1. Membership in the Corporation is limited to occupants of housing units within the town of Greenbelt, Maryland.

2. After formal offer of sale of dwellings by the Federal Government, membership in the corporation will be open to non-residents of the town of Greenbelt, Maryland, in order of preference prescribed by the Federal Government; provided that not to exceed one membership may be granted for each dwelling unit available or to be made available.

3. That members of the Greenbelt Mutual Housing Association in good standing, who subscribed and paid for membership in the corporation within the period of 15 days following the granting of the charter for Greenbelt Mutual Home Ownership Corporation shall be listed as charter members of the corporation, and shall be entitled to receive such preference and privileges as may be prescribed in the by-laws, which will be submitted for approval to the first membership meeting of the Corporation scheduled for the second Monday of February, 1948.

If any residents of Greenbelt wish to obtain answers to specific questions, it is requested that they get in touch with one of the Board members.

MICHAEL SALZMAN, President

For the Board of Directors